



506.38266X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): SHIMADA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/486,823

Filed: March 3, 2000

For: THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE
DISORDERS

Group: 1614

Examiner: P. Spivack

#14/D
HKO
3.9.02
RECEIVED
MAR 04 2002
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26,
2001, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 10 and 14 as follows:

6 (twice amended) A method of inhibiting neurodegeneration,
which comprises administering an effective dose of a xanthine
derivative represented by formula (I):